

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to Figure 1 of the drawings because it does not contain the legend "Prior Art". The Applicant is enclosing herein an amended Figure 1 that includes the proper legend.

The Applicant has amended the specification to correct the deficiencies noted by the Examiner.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Examiner is requesting clarification of the term "the transport computer" or "transport computer means". The Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to pages 9-11 of the specification and Figures 2-5 of the drawings which disclose an embodiment of the transporter computer. The Applicant submits that the specification clearly supports these claim limitations. Therefore the Applicant submits that the claims comply with the second paragraph of §112.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 10-13, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wolters. The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolters. The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolters in view of Helot. The Examiner rejected claims 8-9 and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolters in view of Weisner.

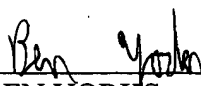
The Examiner has indicated that claims 6, 7, 16 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant submits that claims 1-5, 8-15, 19 and 20 are patentably distinct from the prior art. To expedite prosecution in this matter the Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 6 and claim 11 to include the limitations of claim 16. The Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims 1-20 in the unamended form in a continuation application.

The Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the objections and rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-4, 7-14 and 17-20 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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